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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

THOMAS WEISEL PARTNERS LLC, a Delaware limited liability company, and THOMAS WEISEL INTERNATIONAL PRIVATE LIMITED, an Indian company,

**Plaintiffs,**

V.

BNP PARIBAS, a French corporation, BNP PARIBAS SECURITIES (ASIA) LIMITED, a Hong Kong company, and PRAVEEN CHAKRAVARTY, an individual,

## Defendants.

No. C-07-6198 BZ

Action Filed: December 6, 2007

**DECLINATION TO PROCEED BEFORE  
A MAGISTRATE JUDGE AND  
REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**

1 REQUEST FOR REASSIGNMENT TO A UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

2 Pursuant to Civ. L.R. 73-1(a)(1), the undersigned party hereby declines to consent to the  
3 assignment of this case to a United States Magistrate Judge for trial and disposition and hereby  
4 requests the reassignment of this case to a United States District Judge.

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6 DATED: December 20, 2007

7 Respectfully,

8 GILBERT R. SEROTA  
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